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MB Docket No. 04-233, Comments in Response to Localism  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, released January 24, 2008

Attention: Chief, Media Bureau:

I am concerned about the newest proposals, rules and  
policies being concerned, specifically:

- Forcing every radio station to take programming advice from advisory boards broadly representative of an area's population. Religious broadcasters must be exempt from this.
- Requiring stations to report how much programming of various types has been broadcast, who produced it, and how it reflects the interests of a cross-section of local residents. Religious programming must not be required to comply with this.
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- Subjecting a station's renewal application to the Mead

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often multi-year process of review by politically appointed F.C.C. commissioners.

- Eliminating labor-saving technological enhancements that make it possible to operate radio stations, at least part of the time, without an employee on the premises.
- Forcing many stations to relocate their main studio facilities.

I am very concerned that the F.C.C. keeps free speech FREE. These proposals are in violation of our U.S. Constitutional rights as well as our Indiana Constitutional rights, particularly regarding Christian and religious programming. These proposals would inhibit those producing radio programs from exercising their U.S. Constitutional right to the free exercise of religion and abridging the freedom of speech. Specific to the Indiana Constitution, the proposal would restrict the protected Indiana rights of Article 1, Bill of Rights. Section 3. Freedom of religious opinions and rights of conscience. No law shall, in any case whatever, control the free exercise and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience. Also, Article 1, Section 9. Right to free thought, speech, writing and printing; abuse of right. No law shall be passed, restraining the free interchange of thought and opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write or print, freely, on any subject whatever: but for the abuse of that right, every person shall be responsible. These proposals would also, in addition to unconstitutional by restricting religious speech and opinion, but



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would be unnecessarily costly and cumbersome and therefore should be abandoned or altered in a manner that reflects and protects our U.S. and Indiana Constitutional rights, keeping free speech FREE.

Respectfully,

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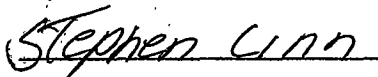
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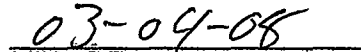
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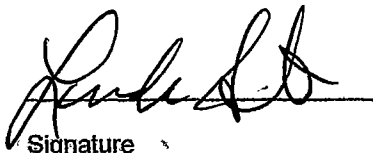
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The true wellsprings of localism and diversity are smaller market radio stations and stations offering specialized programming (including religion, foreign language, ethnic and alternative programming). These types of stations also serve as important gateways for new entrants seeking business opportunities in broadcasting – increasing ownership among those traditionally underrepresented.

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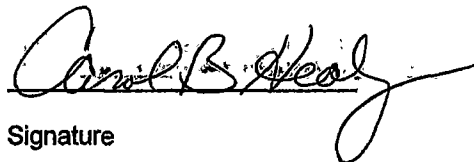
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